

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 733

By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to recognize Christian Andrew Ratliff on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Christian Andrew Ratliff, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will formally join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on March 18, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Christian Ratliff is a junior at Soddy-Daisy High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers as a member of the Marching Trojan Band; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 166 includes thirty-seven Merit Badges, membership in the Talidandaganu' Lodge #293 and the Order of the Arrow, participation in two summer camp sessions of C.O.P.E., and completion of the qualifications for kayaking; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Christian Ratliff made vast improvements to the Chickamauga Battlefield, clearing the underbrush, pressure washing the concrete pad of the amphitheatre, using donated railroad crossties to create an entrance and border for the amphitheatre, and constructing a sturdy, low bench for elementary school students to use during outdoor classes in ecology and environmental sciences; and

WHEREAS, Christian's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Christian Ratliff as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Christian Andrew Ratliff on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.